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1992 Homecoming Coronation Court

Photo by Liani Fluellen

Fighting halts party

By Roosevelt Huggins

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Gunshots and fighting brought Saturday night's Panther Arcade Homecoming block party to a premature end, but according to police reports, there were no injuries.

There were three separate incidents of gunfire on the PVAMU campus between 12:05 a.m. and 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

PV police chief Rayford Stephens said the shots were fired by "idiots shooting in the air."

Stephens said the behavior Saturday night resembled the fatal shooting of a former PV student at Galveston Beach last April except that in this case no one was hurt. That night, three individuals were arrested for "places weapons prohibited" charges and transported to the Waller County Jail.

DJ Third Rail, Julius Littleton said the fight was "one big brawl."

"There was fighting to my left until the police came and grabbed the fighters" Littleton said.

Prairie View student Mary Jo Kinsey said "On Friday night, it seemed to be more PV students and alumni at the party, but on Saturday it was an unrecognizable crowd." This view is substantiated by police reports that most of the serious incidents involved persons not affiliated with the university.

The administration also noted that negative behavior was caused by non-students. In a memorandum released Oct. 19, President Julius Becton wrote, "I feel sure that the example displayed by student conduct resulted in the far fewer incidents than have been experienced during past Homecoming weekend celebrations."

Becton also stated in the memorandum, "This was a wonderful illustration of the unity and respect our students have for each other and the university."

A perfect school

Editorial

By Michelle Johnson

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Just imagine the perfect Prairie View: a university where the students go to class everyday, exemplify school pride, pay tuition on time, respect one another, and don't carry guns to kill each other.

Visualize an institution where the professors live near PV and remain at school after 5 p.m., try to help the students (their "clients"), come to school on time, and

where teaching is more than just a job.

Imagine, too, a PV administration that does not lie or hide the truth, is supportive of the students, faculty and staff instead of being against them and does its job out of a love for the University and its students.

Or imagine a situation where financial aid comes in on time, where counselors don't have "attitudes," and get paid for working overtime.

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Assault of females

increasing at PV

By Morenike Efuntade

Panther Reporter

Whether it is a result of the glamorization of violence in the media, or the growing disrespect that men have for women, a large number of males at Prairie View have turned toward beating up their girlfriends.

Dating violence involves the physical abuse that a female suffers at the hands of a male she is dating. According to University police chief Rayford Stephens, it is very common on Prairie View's campus and has become a growing concern of the department.

During Spring 1991 and Fall 1991, there were 29 cases of violent crimes at Prairie View A&M University, giving the university publicity for having the highest crime rate in the state--according to a survey. Of these 29 cases, 10 were violent crimes by men towards women--that's 34 percent.

Chief Stephens explains that these cases are very difficult to deal with because they are so complex.

"When officers go to the scene and answer a call, they don't know if they're dealing with a young man who thinks this is the way things ought to

be. That you beat a girl into loving you."

Stephens says that many times the female doesn't press charges or will drop them the next day.

"They want to stop getting beat up at the time, but they don't want to stop loving the person. Tomorrow, they no longer want to press charges--he's apologized and he's not mad anymore," Stephens said.

President Julius Becton acknowledges that there is a problem, and says it is exacerbated when the victim withdraws the charges. According to Becton, the Waller County judges will no longer drop charges if the woman asks, and have stated that if the incident is reported, they will prosecute.

Statistics indicate that if a man hits a woman once, he will do it again. It becomes a cycle of abuse that can only be broken by the woman getting out of the relationship, no matter how hard. In addition, both the male and the female should receive counseling.

Several weeks ago, Maya Rockeymoore, a senior Political Science major found herself a victim of an abusive boyfriend. Fortunately, she

Tiwana Flagg, SGA President

Photo by Liani Fluellen

SGA wants change

By Tiffany Hauntz

Panther Reporter

SGA president Tiwana Flagg held a rally in front of Alumni Hall Wednesday, Oct. 21, beginning at 12:07 a.m. About 350 students attended.

Flagg convened the rally to express her views on various issues concerning the student

body and to get feedback from students. She announced that a "peaceful demonstration" on behalf of the student body has been planned for Wednesday, Nov. 4. She said she would lead a march to the flagpoles located at the entrance of the university to draw attention to students' demands that the university

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Becton responds

By Morenike Efuntade

Panther Reporter

President Julius Becton responded to issues brought up at the midnight rally on KPVM 91.3 FM's One on One with Becton, hosted by Devonya Smith.

Responding to rumors about PV leaving SWAC

* "Nothing could be further from the truth. Several

schools have made a commitment to join the new non-scholarship athletic conference; Prairie View did not. Before a decision could be made, we would have to talk to the Athletic Council, SWAC, and solicit comments from students, staff and alumni. We have contracts with SWAC for the next several years and will honor them."

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Visitation violators

face punishment

By Montoya Warner

Panther Reporter

First offenders of the visitation policy have been subjected to stringent penalties that came into effect this semester.

A first offender who violates the visitation policy, according to Student Residential/Life, will be placed on deferred suspension. Deferred suspension status is: The loss of visitation privileges for the academic year, (females are relocated to Suarez-Collins), ineligibility to hold an office in any student organization or represent Prairie View A&M in any way, ineligibility to receive employment within the department of Student/Residential life, and up to 200 hours of work detail.

The controversy behind these severe penalties is that the residential hall handbook states clearly on page 12 that "Unauthorized visitation and failure to properly sign in and out authorized guest" is a minor offense. Many victims of the new policy are asking if the offense is categorized as "minor" in the student handbook that is issued to every resident upon check-in, why are the penalties, especially for a first-time offender so extreme? Also many students want to know where these penalties are spelled out in writing to let students know the consequences of violating the visitation policy.

No disciplinary action is mentioned in the handbook for a first offender. A repeated offender's parents are called according to the handbook.

On March 2, 1992, General Becton sent out a memorandum on the visitation policy. It states that any student, both the visitor and the person being visited found guilty of violating the visitation policy will be **SUSPENDED** from the university. The problem is that many students claim they are unaware of the policy and have received no written document to verify that the policy is indeed true.

Senior Liani Fluellen said, "If violating the visitation policy the first time is a minor offense why are people receiving major consequences and if that memorandum General Becton sent out on March 2, 1992, is in effect why was it not in my handbook that I received the last week of August 1992? It's not like they did not have enough time to write it in the handbook or even include inserts of the memorandum in the handbook as they were given out."

Sophomore, Angelina Simmons said, "The first Friday of visitation, a friend and I presented our I.D. cards at the front desk of Fuller and were

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FYI



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BRIEFLY

U.S. Peace Corps to visit campus

Peace Corps representatives will be on campus on October 29 & 30 to speak with individuals interested in working overseas in volunteer service. For more information, contact the Prairie View A&M Career Placement office.

Safe Sex Seminar planned

The Ladies of Distinction will sponsor a safe sex seminar on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in room 122 of Harrington Science building. The featured speaker will be Mr. Artiquewa Warren owner of "Condoms Galore", a safe sex shop located in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Warren will discuss sexually transmitted diseases, the HIV virus, and safe ways to enjoy sex in today's society. The public is invited.

Gilpin Players return with "Agnes of God"

The Gilpin Players have announced the production of John Pielmier's haunting Agnes of God. The production is the story of a nun.

The Gilpin Players, under the direction of C. Lee Turner, will open performances October 23 and 24, at 8:00 p.m., and a special matinee performance Oct. 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

All performances are open to the public and admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Verify voting status

All students who registered to vote during the Delta Sigma Theta voter registration drive should contact the Waller County Election office if voter registration cards have not been received. For information on voting status, call 857-3357.

EFI to host seminar on science & technology

Epsilon Gamma Iota Inc. will present "A Brief History in Time" in which Mr. Simon Wiltz, professor of Architecture will discuss contributions made by African-Americans in science and technology.

The seminar will be held on Monday, Oct. 26. in the Public Events room of J.B.C. Library at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Reusing the Environment

The Wesley Foundation is hosting a program on "The Environment: Let's Reuse It." The program will be in the Johnson-Phillip's All Faiths Chapel at 5:00p.m. on Wednesday, October 28.

Fourteen killed in S. African violence

(AP News - Johannesburg, South Africa) South African police reported at least 14 people killed in new factional fighting.

Officials say the victims include nine men and women who were shot or hacked to death Sunday, Oct. 18 when a band of armed men attacked an African National Congress Village. Police say the attackers apparently belong to the Inkatha (In - Kah' - Tah) freedom party.

The latest violence comes as 12 peace monitors from commonwealth nations are in South Africa to help end the violence that threatens reforms aimed at ending apartheid.

PEOPLE

Dr. Dennis Judd, High Energy Physics professor at PVAMU was honored with the Walter Bremond Award for Achieving Against the Odds at the third annual Evening of African American Excellence banquet Oct. 17.

Dr. Judd was recognized for success in a field historically closed to blacks, making an impact on the nation's moral attitude, acting as a positive role model and leadership in his profession.



Dennis Judd - PVAMU professor
(Top row, middle person)

Attention

These students have been suspended or expelled for the 1992 year for violation of university policies

Jorge Anderson	Kenneth Newman
Alexander Andrew	Darryl Norris
Nolan K. Aplon	Erick Payne
Darrell Bailey	Roderick Price
Clement Boston	Latisha Purnell
Jason Brussard	Thomas Reddick
Roger Lee Ford	Myron Roberson
Jerry Gray	Marlon Robinson
Trafton Hackett	Carlton Rollins
Rudolph Hemmitt	John Singleton
Raz Damone Hines	Peter Tippit
Samual Hubert	Corey Vaughn
Caran Jackson	R. H. Warren
Richard Land	Colby Williams
Dwight Lewis	Kevin Williams
Kenneth Murphy	Marlon Wright

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Department News

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If interested, write for an application form at News Department, The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071-5508.

KPVU will be hosting its annual RADIO-THON Oct. 25 - Nov. 1 in an effort to raise money for broadcast operation.

All organizations, faculty, staff, students, and surrounding areas are encouraged to participate in helping KPVU reach its monetary goal. For more information, contact 857-4511/4515.

Political Science

The Professors of the Political Science, History, and Geography will be panelists during a political debate of County Commissioner Precinct #3 between Frank Jackson and Ron Leverett on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The debate will be hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and The Wesley Foundation in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSWEEK

Jackson and Leverett set to debate Oct. 27 in Hobart

By Cottrell Jacobs
Panther Reporter

The debate between Frank Jackson-D and Ron Leverett-R, candidates for the County Commissioner's seat, Precinct 3, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 in Hobart Taylor on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. Both candidates are running on a platform that includes plans to benefit PVAMU as well as the community, and the debate next week will offer residents of the city an opportunity to determine the candidates' differences and similarities.

Jackson will propose that the Emergency Medical Technician program be expanded and brought to the university so that nursing and pre-med students may get hands on training without leaving campus.

Jackson said that if elected, he planned to close the gap between students and the community. If elected, he promises to hold town hall meetings where both students and residents may come and voice their complaints, as well as to ask and plan for what they need. Jackson says, "Too often students are stereotyped as being those up on the hill and out of touch with the community." If elected he promises students opportunities to get involved with the local

politics, and interest of the community. "Students gain insight by doing," says Jackson.

The position is not a full-time job and does not require one to be stuck in an office all day, but Jackson says it's for the better. Time can be spent out with the people finding out what is wrong and what is right, and not behind some desk, he said.

Jackson says he is pro-active and encourages students to vote, and to remember he is one of them. With him in office, PVAMU will have a voice in the Commissioner's Court.

Ron Leverett also says that PVAMU will benefit if he is elected as well as the community.

Leverett's main objective is also to convert the Health Clinic into a Trauma Center staffed with personnel who can handle emergency situations. Leverett says that stabilization is the key in emergency settings. From simple asthma attacks to major heart attacks, if a patient is stabilized in the proper facility, he has a greater chance of survival. "Driving 18 miles to the nearest hospital for proper health care is ridiculous, when a building is here and can serve the same purpose," says Leverett.

Leverett says he plans to look out for the well being of

Precinct 3 and Waller County as a whole. Having once served a term as Mayor of the city of Prairie View, Leverett says he believes in the power of knowledge and the pen. Writing and making calls to people in higher places in order to accomplish tasks is mandatory according to Leverett. He says that he knows how and where federal funds come from and with his contacts, funds could be received to start various projects.

Leverett states that he brings 10 years experience as a public servant to the table as well. Leverett, also a former educator at PV, taught 14 years and says he has a vast amount of experience related to student activities. Including students in voter registration, work at the polls, and other political activities are important to Leverett.

Leverett says, if elected to the court, he can freely express his opinions on issues involving PV since he is not a current staff member. He fears his opponent may face some restraints if elected and still a current staff member. Leverett says he would like to change the seat to a full-time job where he would do full-time work for the area.

Counseling offers solutions

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broke the cycle of abuse before it began.

"Don't stay in an abusive relationship," Rockey Moore said. "It doesn't benefit you mentally or physically."

Physical abuse had never occurred in Rockey Moore's relationship, but once it did, she got out of the relationship, even though she had been dating the man for several years.

"That was the first and last time that happened to me," she said. "As black women, we should be able to build our sense of self-worth and self-esteem to such a point that we can realize we don't deserve or have to put up with abuse."

The reasons men and women are involved in these relationships are also complex, and can stem from abusive family environments. That is why Chief Stephens feels counseling is a necessity and it will help his officers better solve these incidents.

"It's damn difficult. We have over 4,000 students—from the inner city to international—and no adequate counseling. Give me a break!" Stephens said. "When these men and women are having problems, there's no one for them to turn to."

Stephens says that frequently they suggest that students see Thelma Pierre at Owens Franklin Health Cent-

er, but that one counselor is not enough.

Becton agrees and is in the process of expanding counseling services. He is currently searching for a director of counseling.

One female student at PV who doesn't wish to be named, has at least five friends who are or have been in abusive relationships. She feels that counseling would be beneficial to her friends.

"Most of my friends put it out of their mind as soon as the guy apologizes," she says. "It's hard to be friends with someone, to care about them and see them in abusive relationships that they continuously go back to—and not be able to do anything about it," she said. "They expect me to understand when they get back together with the guy."

Because this type of crime has become such a problem, the university has a new policy for dealing with it. According to Becton, perpetrators of these crimes will be suspended, turned over to authorities and police action will be taken.

Because we have an open campus it may be difficult to keep suspended students off campus. Every two weeks, Becton will release a list of the names of students who are suspended. If they are caught on campus, they will be charged with trespassing. Becton encourages students

to report those who are trespassing to insure the safety of everyone on campus.

Chief Stephens recalls similar problems when he worked at the University of Houston and feels it's important to realize that this is a problem of society.

"At any university where you have a group of people with diverse backgrounds—you're going to have these problems," Stephens said. "The difference is they have counselors. The key is to have someone for them to go to."

Those students who are involved in abusive relationships can get help from Thelma Pierre at the Owens Franklin Health Center. Men and women can receive help from the Houston Area's Women Center at (713) 528-2121.

Several seminars have been held on campus. The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will be sponsoring a seminar on abusive relationships in November for all students.

Becton says he grew up in an environment where men didn't hit women and he feels there is no justification for doing so.

"The best thing for a male to do is walk away from the situation. You won't lose your manhood," Becton said.

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LIFESTYLES

Vaughn and Campbell, sounds of sweet music

By Calvin E. Hill
Panther Reporter

During a recent performance of the Storm, the PV marching band, in front of Hobart-Taylor one warm Thursday night, the vocal duo of Norton Campbell and Elizabeth Vaughn stepped up to the mic.

From that moment, the night belonged to them. Their smooth, calm version of contemporary gospel singers Bebe and Cece Winans, "It's Okay" got my attention.

After listening to the duo perform, I decided, "to get up close and personal " with Norton and Liz.

Both entertainers have diverse backgrounds. Norton was born in Houston the youngest male in his family. His major is Criminal Justice Law Enforcement.

Norton was inspired to sing by his family, who together made up a gospel group , and his uncle Rev. Graddy McCadle.

Liz was born in Oklahoma City, and has been singing since age 3.

She began performing in

junior high talent shows and played Dorothy in her high schools production of the "Wiz."

Liz has performed in Mexico City with a symphony.

Miss Vaughn has won a PVU choice award and was Miss P.V. 1991-92. She has been singing with the band for two years.

Liz was inspired by her parents and admires Anita Baker for her never ending determination.

Liz is majoring in communications

Norton and Liz have been singing with the band for two years and say that it has not interfered with their studies.

Norton said, "Being lead vocalist for the band has made him more dedicated to music."

Liz said, "Before becoming lead vocalist for the band she participated in band in high school, but now she appreciates marching bands and has developed a respect for them and their directors, especially Prof. (George) Edwards dedication to his students."

When asked if either has signed a contract, Norton

replied, "The group Basis completed a demo with Motown and they should know the outcome in about a month." He is being managed by Carolyn Pitts-Master.

Liz said, "I have done some commercial jingles and have numerous prospective managers."

Rapping up our session I asked Norton and Liz, "What's next for each of you?"

Norton stated, "I am excited about opening for the Homecoming concert and continuing to work at my art."

Liz said, "My next move will be a serious demo, get started on some originals and putting together a packet to make myself more marketable. I am also excited about the Homecoming concert."

Both Norton and Liz seem to have what it takes to be successful in their art. They wish to thank the student body for support and want you to know they appreciate it.

Now, we know who's behind the music that calms the Storm.

Martin Lawrence, hit of '92

Comedian/actor Martin Lawrence, the star of the new TV show "Martin," and host of HBO's popular adult series "Def Comedy Jam," says his favorite impersonation is of the street-wise girl-next-door, Schina'na, featured in his sitcom.

Junior psychology major Shannon Wilks attended the homecoming 1991 Martin Lawrence concert. "I enjoyed the concert. I liked how his routine was funny and true at the same time about male/female relationships. He's very witty and not offensive."



Flagg discusses the issues

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has not yet met.

"I will march with even five people. I won't resist arrest," said Flagg as she assured students that "if it takes stepping on toes to get what we want, I will."

Three attorneys, who are all Prairie View alumni, will be provided to post bail (if necessary) for students who choose to support Flagg's efforts.

Issues covered at the rally Oct. 21 included the 'poor' food in Alumni Hall. Flagg suggested that students should not eat in Alumni for

one day to get better food service.

The SGA President said library hours are inadequate, according to a comparison she had done with other universities.

She informed students about the possibility of the Prairie View Athletic Department being removed from the SWAC division.

Flagg supports a revision of the visitation policy because of the consequences for first offenders, including 200 hours of community service, termination of employment, removal of all offices, inel-

igibility to represent Prairie View and relocation to Suarez/Collins residence Hall. Consequences vary for each violator, and there is a discrepancy for male and female violators.

Students had an opportunity to express their views and make comments.

"Why do we have to go to Tomball for adequate health care for students?"

Another student said there was "nothing open on campus during holidays for out-of-state students as well as for students on regular weekends."

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A MESSAGE FROM

FRANK D. JACKSON
CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

I am one of Prairie View's productive people, a 1973 graduate with a BA in Geography. During the years that I've been here at the University, I've worked extremely hard to improve the quality of life for the students, staff, and faculty.

I believe in working with people to get the job done. Some of the things we've accomplished include the following:

1. Centralized Washateria - P.V. Suds
2. Automated Teller Machine - ATM (The 1st banking facility in the city).
3. Cable Television for the Dorms
4. New U.S. Post Office
5. Turn lanes on Highway 290
6. New Volunteer Fire Station - Two new fire trucks
7. Student and Community Volunteer Fire Fighters (working together).
8. Emergency Medical Technician Program

Action, not just talk has been my standard. God has blessed me to be able to utilize the resources available to get the job done. For example, the process for establishing an emergency care attendant program serves as a first response unit. The current urgent source to support the trauma center and an ambulance service, is moving forward. Pre-medical and nursing majors are active participants in this effort. This is action not talk.

Waller County has one of the best resources in the world for helping improve the quality of life of its citizens(which includes students) which is the university. Leadership Waller County is part of the Texas Rural Leadership Program. Its mission is to train local leaders in the various communities to write grants, organize service groups, conduct meetings, plan and implement projects and programs. We are working in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service and other University entities to develop local leaders and provide them with the insight and knowledge to achieve goals. One person with the knowledge and national connections is counter productive. The team approach works. This is action - not talk.

My Republican opponent was a full-time mayor for the city of Prairie View. He was well connected but only marginally effective as a leader. He lost touch with the People and failed to meet the basic needs here locally. The People voted him out of office. The People said No More Talk and No Action! No More Full-Time Public Welfare at the Expense of the People! No More Ron!

During this campaign the people that stand for Justice and Equality have supported the students right to vote. Support has been received from throughout this nation. The P.V. 19 Justice March made history. I walked every step of the way. This was the time of trial; the time of Commitment to Freedom and Justice for all.

There are those that don't believe in equality and the "students right to vote". They have endorsed my opponent and have told me that they are co-sponsoring his Benefit Bar-B-Que.

Now is the time to come together and heal; to unite for the common good. Now is the time to plan and take action that will improve our quality of Life. Now is the time to use the knowledge base of PVAMU to reach further and serve the people at the point of their greatest need. Now is the time to elect a man of action and go all the way with F.D.J.

"Let us stand united Prairie View and put a PV Man in office!"
"Let's go all the way with F.D.J. - Thanks for your support!"

Homecoming

Fashion show lacks sparkle

By Omar Harris
Lifestyles Editor

Fashion Review:
When one thinks of fashion shows at Prairie View, one thinks of George Smith productions, and not the '92 Fashion show. This year's fashion show was produced and choreographed by La Keisha Hughes.

Junior, Stacey Portis said, "This year's fashion gala was anything, but exciting." Another student added, "In the past we have been greatly entertained by the model's stage presence and fancy foot-work."

The central theme was "Remember the Times", but the show should have been renamed "Everyday Girbaud" featuring men from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. They tried to steal the show and upstage everyone else.

Freshman Paula Watson said, "I was not impressed, besides I've been to high school fashion shows that were better than that." Senior Keila Young added, "The fashion show lacked some of the pizzazz and excitement that fashion shows have generated in the past."

Associate Director Michael Smith said, "There were definitely some good and bad points, but overall it turned out well, considering the two weeks to put it together." Smith also said the lack of time to adequately work with the models as well as conflict-

ing schedules played a major role in frustrating the production.

Senior Anita Griffin, one of the models in this fashion show as well as some in the past, said, "People should not expect La Keisha's show to be on the same level with the past shows because she is new and it will take time for her to perfect her skills."

Runway Director Janiqua Jiles added her thoughts as well, "This show should not be compared to others because no one's George Smith, the feedback from students was that everything turned out okay."

The opening scene which was a blast from the 60's and 70's with a touch of psychod-

elic colors, was one of the better moments during the show.

There was a bright spot; he was comedian Billy Jones, who has appeared on Black Entertainment Television (BET). Jones amused the crowd with his jokes during the intermission as we awaited the second half.

The second half had four parts from "Strictly Business" (which was professional wear) to "Do or Dare" (which was swim wear).

The audience showed more enthusiasm at different intervals: for the men it was during swimwear, and for the women it was when the men came out dressed for success in their suits.



1992 Fashion Show Models show off clothes in a "Blast from the past."

Debarge sings at Gospel Fest

By Tameca Allen
Panther Reporter

The Baby Dome became a chapel when more than 300 parents, students and faculty gathered Sunday Oct. 11, at 8:00 pm for the very first homecoming event, Gospel Fest.

The program was put together by George Smith in hopes that homecoming would begin and possibly end in unity and peace.

Guests included Charles Tyrone and The Faith Community Choir and a special

appearance and performance by El Debarge.

PV's own Baptist Student Movement opened with three selections, and also served as host choir. Then the Faith Community Youth sang praises.

El Debarge sang and then announced he had switched from rhythm and blues to gospel.

He said although his record company had a hard time accepting the fact that he wanted to sing gospel, he was

not giving up his last and only chance to sing for the Lord.

The program actually turned out to be a church service: an offering was taken up, hearts were touched and there was singing, shouting and clapping. Gospel Fest ended with a series of prayers and an altar prayer which encompassed all in attendance.

Homecoming may have been interrupted by gunshots and fear, but it began with peace, unity, pride and prayer.

Talent show features high school and college students

By Omar D. Harris
Lifestyles Editor

Prairie View's raw talent was revealed to us once again. The semesters first official talent show was held during 'Homecoming 1992.'

Not one, nor all, but many Panthers arrived in rare form to fill the dome. Among this year's performers were several special acts which included a gospel rap, Youth Talent from Houston and two female groups consisting of high school and junior high school students.

'Can't We All Just Get Along'... As "Everyday People"

was an appropriate title for the occasion. The judges for the evening were Miss Kentucky State, Juanita Allen, J.J. Williams from Magic 102 F.M., Debra LeDay with Face Productions, Vaughn McDaniels from Cheeks 22 Productions and Kim Washington.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were none other than Karl "The King of Swing" Mayes and Devonya Smith.

Among the more serious acts were an a capella number from Yavonda Bradley and Adrian Porter's dramatic monologue. There were

numerous dancing and rapping acts. There were also a few female singers crooning about the magic of love.

The dance group Untouchables won first place. Second place went to M-Prompt-II, another dancing group. CoCo Johnson came in third with her love ballad. All winners received trophies.

'92 parade a success

Arnetta Porter
Panther Reporter

More than five floats, 81 cars, 11 bands, 12 JROTC drill teams, two ROTC senior drill teams, five marching units, and eight special categories, marched, danced, waved, and rode in Prairie View's largest ever Homecoming Parade.

Also there were bands representing several highschools and clubs from Dallas and Houston.

Staff, students, faculty, and alumni participated in the parade and helped fill the sidewalks in front of the Administration Building.

Barbara Jacket, '92 Barcelona Summer Olympics Women's Track and Field Coach, received honors for her participation as she led the parade as this year's grand marshal.

Sponsor for the annual parade was the Army ROTC department. The ROTC also judged the various categories of participants in the parade.

Shadydale Elementary and

Gary Job Corps, tied for first place in the marching unit. Willowridge JROTC won first place in the JROTC drill team category, Smiley Highschool in the band category. Best decorated car was Miss Army ROTC which was Leslie Rhines. P.V. Army ROTC won for the Senior ROTC drill team. First place in floats went to the P.V. Fan Club, and in the special category was Fancy Foot Action of Houston.

"Although few recieved plaques and awards, everyone was a winner in making P.V.'s Homecoming a success," said Homecoming committee member.

Army ROTC cadet Major James Porter said, "This parade was the most productive and well organized parade at P.V."

Army ROTC cadre member said, "This was PV's biggest parade with the most participation and decorated cars. Next year we will have to extend the time to make it even bigger and greater," said MSG M.J. Walker.

'Magic' show returns

AP News Release

(Inglewood, California) - The Magic is back and Los Angeles is thrilled. Magic Johnson has returned to the basketball court as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers.

He retired less than a year ago after announcing he'd contracted the "AIDS" virus. Since then, he's won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. Olympic "Dream Team,"

been named to the President's Commission on AIDS and quit that panel, complaining that President Bush is ignoring the AIDS crisis.

After performing well in the olympics, Johnson decided to rejoin the Lakers. On Oct. 20, he scored 12 points and had 14 assist as the Lakers beat the Philadelphia 76ers in an exhibition game.

Later, he said he had "Followed the yellow brick road and finally made it home."



NEWSWEEK / LIFESTYLES

President Becton responds

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Visitation
*“Visitation is non-negotiable for freshman. The question of extending the hours of visitation for some of the dorms, like L.O. Evans...we’ll look into that. We’re not

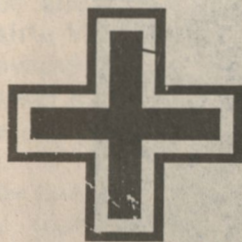
locked into concrete about 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. It could very well be 2 to 11 p.m. We will solicit student participation. but whatever rules we come up with, we will enforce.”

Closed doors in the dorms
*“Those doors are for one purpose, they’re fire doors, and will open upon detection of smoke or fire. Also, they are there for security purposes.”

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Visitation policies unfair

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ignored so we went on upstairs. At 12:35, five minutes after visitation hours, we proceeded to leave the building. We were detained and written up when spotted in the hallway. I went before the judicial board and found guilty of violating the visitation policy but at the time the penalty was being placed on probation and 100 hours of work detail. Weeks later I received a letter from the Judicial hearing officer that I had been placed on deferred suspension and must move from Drew hall. This was

after we previously established my punishment for the violation committed. I am a first offender and I cannot believe all of these consequences have been put on me. Also the young man only received community service hours. He does not have to move from Fuller so why should I have to move from

Drew?"

A Senior female student was barred from L.O. Evans and put into Suarez/Collins after a male was found in her room after visitation hours. She said, "My friend was assisting me earlier that day when I was moving in and the dorm director, Russell Price, saw us. He did not go on to tell us that we were violating the visitation rules or explain anything to us so I felt it was okay. Later on that night the male, who is a visitor from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area was resting in my room after helping me move in. The dorm director, assistant dorm director, and R.A. found him in my room. At first I was told by the judicial hearing officer not to worry about it and that I would not be relocated. I

was then told approximately one week later that I was being placed on deferred suspension and must vacate L.O.

Evans by 5:00 p.m. that same day."

ned a petition asking the administration to revise the punishment for first-offenders. Frustrated students have written letters to administrators in Student/Life. General Becton's 857-HELP hotline has been flooded with phone calls concerning the issue and the emergency meeting in front of Alumni dining hall addressed the problem.

"I hold the utmost respect for Prairie View and its rules...I believe the system must not overlook irrationalities and must make any necessary amendment to the system to ensure that punishment for each student is fair and reasonable," said Eva Frazier.

The judicial hearing officer, Ms. Karla Byrant, who issues these penalties was not available for comment.

Tony Terry rocks the dome

By Tiffany Hauntz
Panther Reporter

Epic recording artist Tony Terry performed at the university field house on Saturday October 17, homecoming weekend.

His 1987 album "Forever Yours" established him as a performer, and now his new Epic album simply titled "Tony Terry" is a winning combination of heart-felt ballads and hard-edged dance tracks which delivers on the promise of the late 80's hits like "Lovey Dovey" and "She's Fly."

Like the previous album, "Tony Terry" was produced by Ted Currier, whose credentials include major hits by Sly Stone, George Clinton and Sweet Sensation.

"Tony Terry" kicks off with the premier single "Head Over Heels", a compelling mid-tempo love song that is one of four cuts co-written by Tony. "With You" shows Tony's special way with a love ballad.

"I grew up in Washington, D.C., and have lived in New York City for the last few years," says Tony. "Both cities have their own strong yet different styles of music. Ted Currier and I worked together to deliver an album of music that represents both of these styles."

"I used to sit in my room with my Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight records," Tony recalls, "and learn every riff of every song backwards and forwards."

It was the start of a career rooted in the bedrock of gospel but reaching out into the world of pop and R&B.

He shared stages with Gladys Knight, Salt 'N' Pepa, Alexander O'Neal and Johnny Kemp, among others, and contributed songs to the soundtracks of "Tap" (starring Gregory Hines) and "Lambada: Set the Night to Fire."

"I would rate the concert a 5 with a little potential but I think Tony Terry performed

well considering the amount of audience," said sophomore nursing major Tiffany Battle.

Compton's Most Wanted, a Compton, California based rap group, also performed Saturday.

Opening acts included Elizabeth E. Vaughn, former Miss PVAMU, Norton Campbell, Compton, including singers Gerald Hines, Marlon Jackson, Tim Reed and Todd Thomas, and rap group One 2 Many, with Roy Richards and Terrance Robinson.

Senior Biology major Michelle Fisher was disappointed being her last homecoming, "Homecoming 1988, when I was not a student, was the best with Keith Sweat, but as a student at PV, the past homecoming guests have been hilarious! I figure, like everything else, we don't have the money to bargain for some artists, but there has to be someone better to fit our price range! Do students have a say so, because I feel like my mother's been choosing the guests!"



Tony Terry

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SPORTSWEEK

Hall of Fame selects Jacket

By Bryan H. Barrows III
University Release

On the heels of having served as U.S. Women's Track Coach for the 1992 Olympic Games (in Barcelona, Spain), being honored as a "Distinguished Citizen" by the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and the City Council, and receiving a proclamation for meritorious service from the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, Barbara Jean Jacket has been named a 1992 inductee into the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) "Hall of Fame."

The NAIA's most prestigious induction ceremony will take place in May of 1993, in Abbotsford, British Columbia. It should be noted that this is not the only time the NAIA has honored the Prairie View A&M Athletic Director. Jacket was selected NAIA "Outdoor Track Coach of the Year" in 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, and again in 1990. Also, Jacket was named NAIA "Indoor Track Coach of the

Year" in 1984, 1987, and 1991.

Since beginning her collegiate track career at Tuskegee Institute, Jacket has distinguished herself in terms of ability and productivity. In her tenure as women's track coach at PVAMU, she has brought home twelve NAIA National Track Championships. Additionally, she has worked as an assistant coach and as a coach for the World University Games and "observer" for the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba. She has coached track teams against the former Soviet Union, Romania, Bulgaria, England, and Japan, just to name a few.

When asked what she believes is a major ingredient for success, she said, "Discipline...I believe that discipline is integral to personal or professional success. Growing up, I faced the difficulties of a single-parent home, but, don't let anybody tell you that has to be an albatross around your neck. You can be what you want to be and can do what you want to do if you are disciplined and have faith in God." Jacket credits much of

her personal success to her mother's belief in and encouragement of her.

Jacket was given high praise this August by Olympic Champion, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, after the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, for the way in which she handled all of the athletes under her leadership. Kersey made her compliment of Jacket while being interviewed on the Public Broadcasting Program, "The McNeil-Lehrer Hour".

Jacket has also been named "Coach of the Year" by the Southwestern Athletics Conference in cross country crack seven times, in indoor track nine times and in outdoor track six times.

In 1987, her alma mater, Tuskegee Institute, inducted her into the Tuskegee Athletic Hall of Fame. Also, in 1987, she served as head coach for the USA at the World Championships in Rome, Italy.

Although this is a major career milestone for Barbara Jean Jacket, it is easy to get the feeling with her that the very best is yet to be!

Lady Panthers demolish Houston Baptist in three sets

Prairie View to host SWAC Tournament

By Calvin E. Hill
Panther Reporter

The Lady Panthers of Prairie View A & M University continued to destroy opponents as they swept Houston Baptist University in three games.

Team Captain Dawn Aycock led the Lady Panther attack with 21 kills and five service aces.

Defensively the Panthers were led by Kimberly Scott with 12 digs and Katrice Offord with eight solo blocks and six block assists.

The Panthers played well and displayed team unity and confidence.

The Lady Panthers are taking the games one at a time as they continue their bid for S.W.A.C. supremacy.

Head Volleyball Coach Jocelyn Adams stated after the game, "Overall, the team played well together. We are executing well on our offense."

Katrice Offord attributes her mass display of blocks to having an off night in the hitting department.

Kim Scott said, "I was just playing defense and came up with great stats, I always seemed to be in the back row."

Dawn Aycock was surpris-

ed to find out that she had so many kills and stated, "We played with a lot of intensity and really wanted to win."

Aycock also commented, "Charlotte Williams, the Panthers dominant setter, is a valuable asset and her game has improved since last year."

The next home game is Oct. 26, in the babydome against Wiley College.

The S.W.A.C. tournament will be hosted by Prairie View A & M University Nov. 13-14 in the babydome.

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A Panther ball carrier drags an Alcorn State Brave for a first down.

Braves scalp Panthers 63 - 0

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

"The Air McNair" show and the Alcorn State Braves completed their war dance of Texas as they bombed Prairie View 63-0 during Homecoming Saurday, Oct. 17.

Steve McNair threw for 220 yards and four touchdowns before retiring in the third quarter. On the other side of the ball, the Panther offense gained only 68 total yards.

Despite playing an excellent first quarter, the Prairie View defense allowed three touchdowns in the second quarter, including a 52-yard run by Steve McNair.

The only positive possession for Prairie View came in the third quarter when Andre Riser threw a 34-yard pass to Bo Gilliard in which he broke four tackles before stumbling to the ground at the ASU 11-yard line. However, on the

next three plays, ASU dominated the line of scrimmage resulting in a total loss of 17 yards. Prairie View attempted a 45 yard field goal, but it fell short.

The Panthers will play their next two games at Alabama State and Mississippi Valley. The next home game is Nov. 7 against Southwest Texas State at Blackshear Stadium.

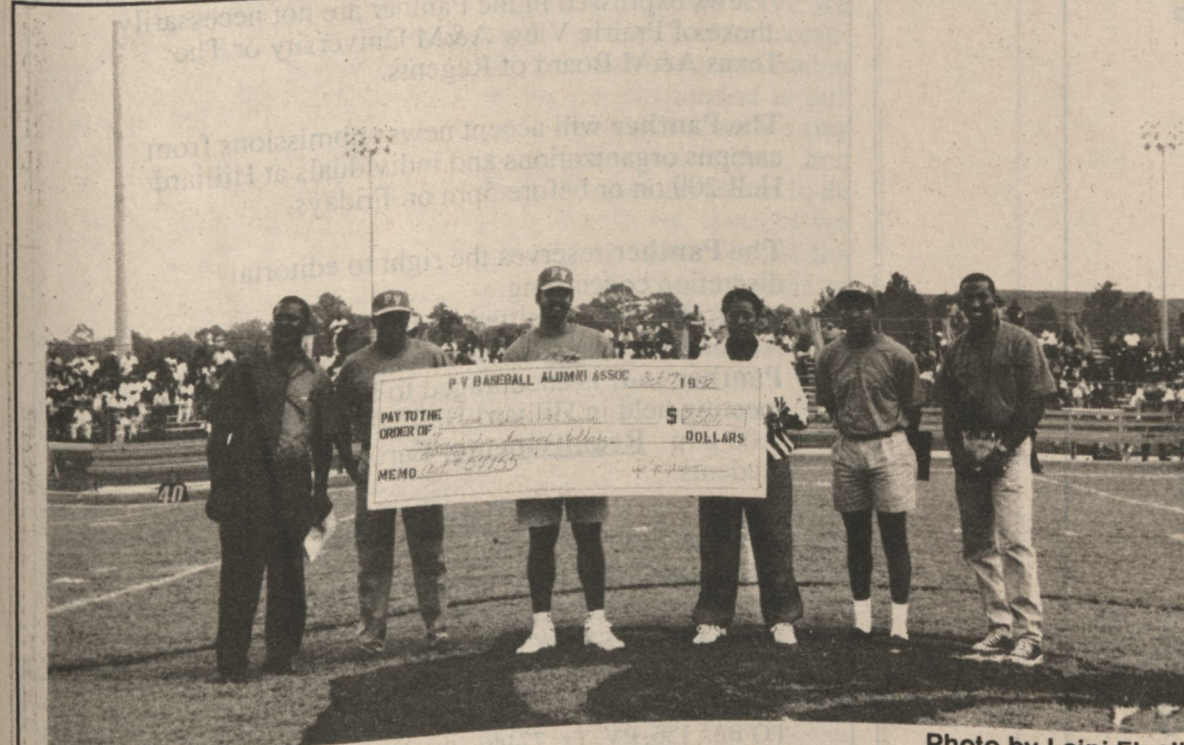


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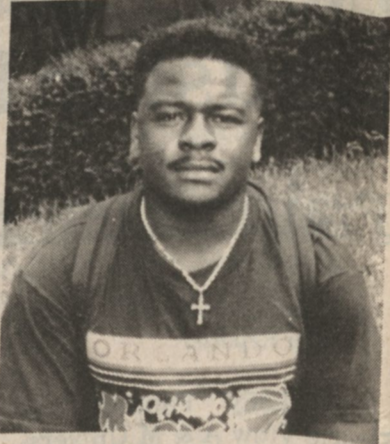
Cori Johnson, Communications - Senior
The elections aren't very meaningful. I don't like any candidates but I'm a Democrat; therefore, I shall vote accordingly.



Deana Lawson, Radio/T.V. - Junior.
I'm going to vote for Clinton because it's time for a Democrat to be in office. Republicans have been in office in the past and they haven't made the necessary changes.

Speak Out

What Do You Think About The Presidential Election?



Eric Griffin, Engineering Technology - Sophomore.
I think the election is unfair to the people because it's hard to pick a good candidate. Perot has no experience, Clinton is seen as a liar, and Bush hasn't proven himself in office.



Chris Pankey, Engineering - Junior.
I think the elections have been very interesting ...especially the debates.

Love Yourself

Letter-to - the Editor

This semester there has been an extraordinary increase in male - on - female violence. We all know someone--roommates, friends or fellow students--who has been a victim of domestic violence. These women have cared and loved men who have lashed out at them (the closest and most vulnerable persons around) to vent their anger and frustrations. We as Black women, unfortunately, have felt bonded and committed to violent brothers who degrade and impose upon us this vicious cycle of physical and mental abuse.

Do we feel so insecure, unloved, and lonely that we would rather be with a violent man than no man at all? We, as strong nubian sisters need to wake-up and realize that it is our RIGHT not to be victimized in any way. We need to learn to love, respect and be content with ourselves, first. Sisters, it takes a strong person to leave what they know--a person they have loved, trusted and put their all-and-all into--to face the unseen. So we must reach out and turn to each other to gain strength in order to make it through hard trials and tribulations. Furthermore, we need to regard ourselves in the highest esteem and walk tall with pride, for we are the mothers of civilization.

Tamar Holley
Senator - Student Government Association

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by. Kyree Lan

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Prairie View a better place, if we get along

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Wouldn't it also be ideal if Alumni's food tasted good; if the campus police harrassed real criminals instead of students trying to find a parking space; where our athletic teams won and students honestly supported their efforts; where all the colleges at the university were accredited and acknowledged by President Julius Becton, and not just Engineering, Nursing, and Business?

And would it stretch the imagination too far to contemplate a situation where Prairie View alumni would support the school instead of running down here for programs and coronations during Homecoming.

What a wonderful place PV would be if getting an education, helping others and leaving a proud legacy were our collective objective.

Much of this is, alas, wishful thinking. Students do not go to classes everyday; nor do they have school pride, pay tuition on time or respect each other; and, yes, they do sometimes carry guns and kill each other.

Most professors don't live near PV, and at 4:50 p.m., they beat Highway 290 down to get

home. Some don't care about students' creative energies; instead of encouraging students, they turn them off and miss an opportunity to do real teaching.

And yes, the administration does appear to fudge on the truth sometimes, and some officials won't attend student functions even when they get personal invitations.

Financial aid doesn't come in time; sometimes it's the students' fault; sometimes not. And the counselors? Sometimes their negative attitude are justified; sometimes not. And they are not paid for working overtime, not even during registration when they stay until 9 p.m. or on Saturdays.

Alumni food doesn't taste like Mom's cooking. Police give tickets to students for parking—even after hours. Our athletic teams don't win much of the time, and students don't support their efforts.

All colleges of the university are not accredited, and Becton does appear to give preference to Engineering, Nursing, and Business over all the others.

The alumni do not support PV financially, but they

do seem to like Homecoming—they come in large numbers year after year. Sometimes, reality hurts. Especially when you've given your all to an institution and they—those in a position to see your efforts—don't, or refuse to, embrace you and others like you.

I'm not talking about me necessarily, but there are a lot of unknown soldiers who have made positive contributions to PV and those contributions have gone unheralded, unnoticed.

For example, PV never openly acknowledged the contributions of Keith Kendall or

Tommy Sanders until they were dead.

Must three-fourths of the student body, faculty and staff die before recognition comes? Surely there must be some way to break the societal habit of heaping rewards on dead, lifeless heroes. Isn't it possible or better to verbally, or with money, demonstrate we care when folk are still alive to hear that acknowledgement?

Let us not allow another student graduate or another teacher to leave without letting him or her know that his or her presence and work made a difference and were appreciated.

Know the facts first

Letter-to-the-Editor

I am responding to the letter you published entitled, "No Cheers From Cheerleaders".

We, as a squad, feel very disrespected by your article. In our opinion, you were writing from a biased standpoint. We participate in many activities that go unnoticed. We do not participate in these events for praise, but because we are dedicated to our athletic teams. You are simply an outsider looking in on something that you do not have all the facts on. Here are a few facts that you might consider helpful in your next letter:

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ers are not sponsored by the Athletic Department, instead we are affiliated with Student Activities.

We are a voluntary group of students that do not get paid like other organizations. So "JOB" was not the appropriate word to use in your article.

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Letter to the Editor

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remarkable presence was overwhelming and your gifts are greatly appreciated. You represented your individual organizations well and I wish each of you the best of luck in the future. THANKS again!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Y. Lester

Miss Prairie View A&M '92

Respect each other

Letter-to-the-Editor

To me it seems as though the staff of Prairie View wants respect from the students; however, some seem reluctant to work for this desired respect. Among those who feel we owe respect to them and that they owe us nothing are those in our dormitories.

It would not be fair to generalize and say all dorms because I only know about Holley Hall. Since I have lived in Holley, we have had three room checks in which several members of the dormitory staff practically barged into our room as if they were secret police, giving us their demands in an unprofessional and crude manner without explanation. While it may seem minor to them, my suitmates, roommates, and I took offense to that.

The group that inspected our rooms consisted of one Resident Assistant who was kind and gentlemanly about everything and talked to us like the adults we are. Another was neither polite nor rude. He was just there. The other guy in my opinion was simply someone who gets euphoric from a little bit of power.

I do not understand why we as paying tenants of this hall are not awarded the basic privileges of residency like privacy to begin with. When we lived with our parents, co-ed visitation was not a problem. If we rented a hotel,

visitation would not be a problem and the reason being that we paid for the room.

When we enter the building we are asked to remove our hats. This is a sign of respect and while we may physically remove that hat, we mentally wear a cap of disrespect for those who disrespect us. One would think that all the money we pay to reside here could at least buy us some respect from those to whom some of that money goes.

When I first moved into Holley the shower drain was clogged. For three days we looked and called for someone to come to our assistance but no one responded to our many reproaches, so we (my suitmates, roommates, and I) took it upon ourselves to do a job which we thought we paid others to do. We got the job done despite our tools or the lack thereof. They don't seem to mind to come around when our music is at, what they consider, an unreasonable level.

Is a little bit of common courtesy or respect from these people too much to ask for? To me respect is a valuable commodity which exists only through compromise from each party involved. This commodity is not thrust upon anyone. It is earned.

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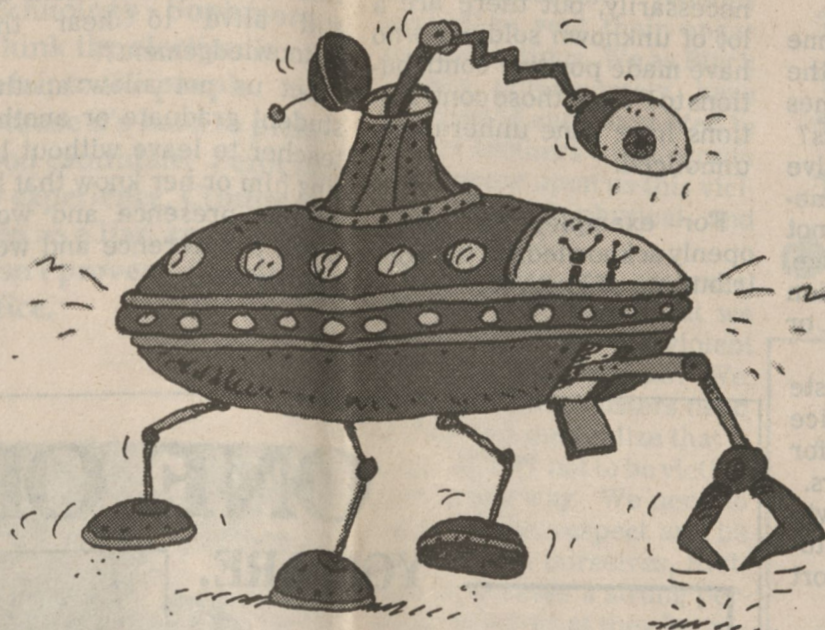
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